| 1 | INCOME TAX FUND AMENDMENTS |
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| 2 | 2022 GENERAL SESSION |
| 3 | STATE OF UTAH |
| 4 | Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson |
| 5 | House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson |
| 6 7 | LONG TITLE |
| 8 | General Description: |
| 9 | This bill changes the name of the Education Fund to the Income Tax Fund. |
| 10 | Highlighted Provisions: |
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| 12 | changes the name of the Education Fund to the Income Tax Fund. |
| 13 | Money Appropriated in this Bill: |
| 14 | None |
| 15 | Other Special Clauses: |
| 16 | This bill provides a special effective date. |
| 17 | Utah Code Sections Affected: |
| 18 | AMENDS: |
| 19 | 41-1a-422, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 219, 280, and 378 |
| 20 | 51-5-4, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 400 |
| 21 | 53B-7-703, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 351 |
| 22 | 53B-8-112, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Sixth Special Session, Chapter 13 |
| 23 | 53B-8-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 281 |
| 24 | 53E-3-802, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186 |
| 25 | 53E-6-505, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186 |
| 26 | 53E-7-405, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Fourth Special Session, Chapter 3 |
| 27 | 53F-2-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 14 |
| 28 | 53F-9-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 336 and 382 |
| 29 | 53F-9-201.1 (Superseded 07/01/22), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth |

| 30 | Special Session, Chapter 13 |
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| 31 | 53F-9-201.1 (Effective 07/01/22), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 6 |
| 32 | 53F-9-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 207 |
| 33 | 53F-9-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186 |
| 34 | 53F-9-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186 |
| 35 | 53F-9-303, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2 |
| 36 | 53F-9-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 161 |
| 37 | 53F-9-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186 |
| 38 | 53F-9-306, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186 |
| 39 | 53F-9-307, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 308 |
| 40 | 59-7-532, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 207 |
| 41 | 59-7-614.1 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 375 |
| 42 | 59-10-544, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 207 |
| 43 | 59-10-1005, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 148 |
| 44 | 59-10-1105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 375 |
| 45 | 59-13-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Third Special Session, Chapter 1 |
| 46 | 63A-5b-406, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 152 |
| 47 | 63J-1-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 182 |
| 48 | 63J-1-205, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 382 |
| 49 | 63J-1-217, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 382 |
| 50 | 63J-1-312, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 229 |
| 51 | 63J-1-313, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 214 |
| 52 | 63J-3-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 382 |
| 53 | 63J-7-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 415 |

Section 1. Section **41-1a-422** is amended to read:

57 41-1a-422. Support special group license plates -- Contributor -- Voluntary

| 58 | contribution collection procedures. |
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| 59 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 60 | (a) (i) except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), "contributor" means a person who has |
| 61 | donated or in whose name at least \$25 has been donated to: |
| 62 | (A) a scholastic scholarship fund of a single named institution; |
| 63 | (B) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs for veterans programs; |
| 64 | (C) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Wildlife Resources Account created in |
| 65 | Section 23-14-13, for conservation of wildlife and the enhancement, preservation, protection, |
| 66 | access, and management of wildlife habitat; |
| 67 | (D) the Department of Agriculture and Food for the benefit of conservation districts; |
| 68 | (E) the Division of Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs; |
| 69 | (F) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah, with |
| 70 | the donation evenly divided between the two; |
| 71 | (G) the Boy Scouts of America for the benefit of a Utah Boy Scouts of America |
| 72 | council as specified by the contributor; |
| 73 | (H) No More Homeless Pets in Utah for distribution to organizations or individuals |
| 74 | that provide spay and neuter programs that subsidize the sterilization of domestic animals; |
| 75 | (I) the Utah Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. to provide and enhance youth |
| 76 | development programs; |
| 77 | (J) the Utah Association of Public School Foundations to support public education; |
| 78 | (K) the Utah Housing Opportunity Restricted Account created in Section 61-2-204 to |
| 79 | assist people who have severe housing needs; |
| 80 | (L) the Public Safety Honoring Heroes Restricted Account created in Section 53-1-118 |
| 81 | to support the families of fallen Utah Highway Patrol troopers and other Department of Public |
| 82 | Safety employees; |

(N) the Firefighter Support Restricted Account created in Section 53-7-109 to support

(M) the Division of State Parks for distribution to organizations that provide support

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for Zion National Park;

| 86 | firefighter organizations; |
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| 87 | (O) the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account created in Section |
| 88 | 72-2-127 to support bicycle operation and safety awareness programs; |
| 89 | (P) the Cancer Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support |
| 90 | cancer research programs; |
| 91 | (Q) Autism Awareness Restricted Account created in Section 53F-9-401 to support |
| 92 | autism awareness programs; |
| 93 | (R) Humanitarian Service and Educational and Cultural Exchange Restricted Account |
| 94 | created in Section 9-17-102 to support humanitarian service and educational and cultural |
| 95 | programs; |
| 96 | (S) Upon renewal of a prostate cancer support special group license plate, to the Cancer |
| 97 | Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support cancer research |
| 98 | programs; |
| 99 | (T) the Choose Life Adoption Support Restricted Account created in Section |
| 100 | 62A-4a-608 to support programs that promote adoption; |
| 101 | (U) the National Professional Men's Basketball Team Support of Women and Children |
| 102 | Issues Restricted Account created in Section 62A-1-202; |
| 103 | (V) the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support Restricted Account created in |
| 104 | Section 53-1-120; |
| 105 | (W) the Children with Cancer Support Restricted Account created in Section |
| 106 | 26-21a-304 for programs that provide assistance to children with cancer; |
| 107 | (X) the National Professional Men's Soccer Team Support of Building Communities |
| 108 | Restricted Account created in Section 9-19-102; |
| 109 | (Y) the Children with Heart Disease Support Restricted Account created in Section |
| 110 | 26-58-102; |
| 111 | (Z) the Utah Intracurricular Student Organization Support for Agricultural Education |
| 112 | and Leadership Restricted Account created in Section 4-42-102; |
| 113 | (AA) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Support for State-Owned Shooting |

| 114 | Ranges Restricted Account created in Section 23-14-13.5, for the creation of new, and |
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| 115 | operation and maintenance of existing, state-owned firearm shooting ranges; |
| 116 | (BB) the Utah State Historical Society to further the mission and purpose of the Utah |
| 117 | State Historical Society; |
| 118 | (CC) the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support Restricted Account created in Section |
| 119 | 72-2-130; |
| 120 | (DD) the Transportation of Veterans to Memorials Support Restricted Account created |
| 121 | in Section 71-14-102; |
| 122 | (EE) clean air support causes, with half of the donation deposited into the Clean Air |
| 123 | Support Restricted Account created in Section 19-1-109, and half of the donation deposited |
| 124 | into the Clean Air Fund created in Section 59-10-1319; |
| 125 | (FF) the Latino Community Support Restricted Account created in Section 13-1-16; |
| 126 | (GG) the Allyson Gamble Organ Donation Contribution Fund created in Section |
| 127 | 26-18b-101; or |
| 128 | (HH) public education on behalf of the Kiwanis International clubs, with the amount of |
| 129 | the donation required to cover the costs of issuing, ordering, or reordering Kiwanis support |
| 130 | special group plates, as determined by the State Tax Commission, deposited into the Kiwanis |
| 131 | Education Support Fund created in Section 53F-9-403, and all remaining donation amounts |
| 132 | deposited into the [Education Fund] Uniform School Fund. |
| 133 | (ii) (A) For a veterans special group license plate described in Subsection |
| 134 | 41-1a-421(1)(a)(v) or 41-1a-422(4), "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose |
| 135 | name at least a \$25 donation at the time of application and \$10 annual donation thereafter has |
| 136 | been made. |
| 137 | (B) For a Utah Housing Opportunity special group license plate, "contributor" means a |
| 138 | person who: |
| 139 | (I) has donated or in whose name at least \$30 has been donated at the time of |
| 140 | application and annually after the time of application; and |
| 141 | (II) is a member of a trade organization for real estate licensees that has more than |

| 142 | 15,000 | Utah | members |
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- (C) For an Honoring Heroes special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated at the time of application and annually thereafter.
- (D) For a firefighter support special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who:
- (I) has donated or in whose name at least \$15 has been donated at the time of application and annually after the time of application; and
 - (II) is a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter.
- (E) For a cancer research special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated at the time of application and annually after the time of application.
 - (F) For a Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated at the time of application and annually thereafter.
 - (b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education as defined under Section 53B-3-102 or a private institution of higher education in the state accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.
 - (2) (a) An applicant for original or renewal collegiate special group license plates under Subsection (1)(a)(i) must be a contributor to the institution named in the application and present the original contribution verification form under Subsection (2)(b) or make a contribution to the division at the time of application under Subsection (3).
 - (b) An institution with a support special group license plate shall issue to a contributor a verification form designed by the commission containing:
 - (i) the name of the contributor;
- (ii) the institution to which a donation was made;
- 168 (iii) the date of the donation; and
- (iv) an attestation that the donation was for a scholastic scholarship.

(c) The state auditor may audit each institution to verify that the money collected by the institutions from contributors is used for scholastic scholarships.

- (d) After an applicant has been issued collegiate license plates or renewal decals, the commission shall charge the institution whose plate was issued, a fee determined in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 for management and administrative expenses incurred in issuing and renewing the collegiate license plates.
- (e) If the contribution is made at the time of application, the contribution shall be collected, treated, and deposited as provided under Subsection (3).
- (3) (a) An applicant for original or renewal support special group license plates under this section must be a contributor to the sponsoring organization associated with the license plate.
 - (b) This contribution shall be:

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- (i) unless collected by the named institution under Subsection (2), collected by the division;
- (ii) considered a voluntary contribution for the funding of the activities specified under this section and not a motor vehicle registration fee;
- (iii) deposited into the appropriate account less actual administrative costs associated with issuing the license plates; and
- (iv) for a firefighter special group license plate, deposited into the appropriate account less:
 - (A) the costs of reordering firefighter special group license plate decals; and
- (B) the costs of replacing recognition special group license plates with new license plates under Subsection 41-1a-1211(13).
- (c) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) must be made in the 12 months prior to registration or renewal of registration.
- 195 (d) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be a one-time donation made to 196 the division when issuing original:
- 197 (i) snowmobile license plates; or

S.B. 211 **Enrolled Copy** 198 (ii) conservation license plates. 199 (4) Veterans license plates shall display one of the symbols representing the Army, 200 Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or American Legion. 201 Section 2. Section **51-5-4** is amended to read: 202 51-5-4. Funds established -- Titles of funds -- Fund functions. (1) (a) (i) The funds enumerated in this section are established as major fund types. 203 204 (ii) All resources and financial transactions of Utah state government shall be 205 accounted for within one of these major fund types. 206 (b) (i) All funds or subfunds shall be consolidated into one of the state's major fund 207 types. 208 (ii) Where a specific statute requires that a fund or account be established, that fund or account shall be accounted for as an individual fund, subfund, or account within the major fund 209 210 type to meet generally accepted accounting principles. 211 (iii) Existing and new activities of state government authorized by the Legislature shall be accounted for within the framework of the major fund types established in this section. 212 213 (c) The Division of Finance shall determine the accounting classification that complies 214 with generally accepted accounting principles for all funds, subfunds, or accounts created by 215 the Legislature. (d) (i) Major fund types shall be added by amending this chapter. 216 (ii) Whenever a new act creates or establishes a fund, subfund, or account without 217 218 amending this chapter, the reference to a fund, subfund, or account in the new act shall be

(2) Major Fund Type Titles:

classified within one of the major fund types established by this section.

(a) General Fund;

(b) Special Revenue Funds;

(c) Capital Projects Funds;

(d) Debt Service Funds;

(e) Permanent Funds;

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| 226 | (f) Enterprise Funds; |
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| 227 | (g) Internal Service Funds; |
| 228 | (h) Trust and Agency Funds; and |
| 229 | (i) Discrete Component Unit Funds. |
| 230 | (3) The General Fund shall receive all revenues and account for all expenditures not |
| 231 | otherwise provided for by law in any other fund. |
| 232 | (4) Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report proceeds of specific |
| 233 | revenue sources that are restricted or committed to be expended for a specified purpose. |
| 234 | (a) The [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund is a Special Revenue Fund that: |
| 235 | (i) receives all revenues from taxes on intangible property or from a tax on income; and |
| 236 | (ii) is designated for public and higher education. |
| 237 | (b) The Transportation Fund is a Special Revenue Fund that accounts for all revenues |
| 238 | that are required by law to be expended for highway purposes. |
| 239 | (c) (i) An Expendable Special Revenue Fund is a Special Revenue Fund created by |
| 240 | legislation or contractual relationship with parties external to the state that: |
| 241 | (A) identifies specific revenues collected from fees, taxes, dedicated credits, donations, |
| 242 | federal funds, or other sources; |
| 243 | (B) defines the use of the money in the fund for a specific function of government or |
| 244 | program within an agency; and |
| 245 | (C) delegates spending authority or authorization to use the fund's assets to a governing |
| 246 | board, administrative department, or other officials as defined in the enabling legislation or |
| 247 | contract establishing the fund. |
| 248 | (ii) An Expendable Special Revenue Fund may only be created by contractual |
| 249 | relationship with external parties when the sources of revenue for the fund are donated |
| 250 | revenues or federal revenues. |
| 251 | (iii) Expendable Special Revenue Funds are subject to annual legislative review by the |
| 252 | appropriate legislative appropriations subcommittee. |
| 253 | (5) (a) Capital Projects Funds account for financial resources to be expended for the |

acquisition or construction of capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of a capital facility and other capital assets. Capital Projects Funds exclude those types of capital-related outflows financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

(b) The Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 is a Capital Projects Fund that accounts for revenues that are required by law to be expended for the maintenance, construction, reconstruction, or renovation of certain state and federal highways.

- (6) Debt Service Funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, the principal and interest on general long-term obligations.
- (7) Permanent Funds account for assets that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for a specific purpose.
 - (8) Enterprise Funds are designated to account for the following:
- (a) operations, financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the Legislature intends that the costs of providing goods or services to the public are financed or recovered primarily through user charges;
- (b) operations where the Legislature requires periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and net income;
 - (c) operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services; or
- (d) operations that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the operations.
- (9) Internal Service Funds account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department, division, or agency to other departments, divisions, or agencies of the state, or to other governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis.
- (10) (a) Trust and Agency Funds account for assets held by the state as trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governmental units.
- (b) Pension Trust Funds, Investment Trust Funds, Private-Purpose Trust Funds, and Agency Funds are Trust and Agency Funds.
 - (11) Discrete Component Unit Funds account for the financial resources used to

| 282 | operate the state's colleges and universities and other discrete component units. |
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| 283 | Section 3. Section 53B-7-703 is amended to read: |
| 284 | 53B-7-703. Performance Funding Restricted Account Creation Deposits into |
| 285 | account Legislative review. |
| 286 | (1) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 287 | known as the "Performance Funding Restricted Account." |
| 288 | (2) Money in the account shall be: |
| 289 | (a) used for performance funding for: |
| 290 | (i) degree-granting institutions; and |
| 291 | (ii) technical colleges; and |
| 292 | (b) appropriated by the Legislature in accordance with Section 53B-7-705. |
| 293 | (3) (a) Money in the account shall earn interest. |
| 294 | (b) All interest earned on account money shall be deposited into the account. |
| 295 | (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the Division of Finance shall deposit |
| 296 | into the account an amount equal to 20% of the estimated revenue growth from targeted jobs |
| 297 | upon appropriation by the Legislature for a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2019. |
| 298 | (b) (i) As used in this Subsection (4)(b), "total higher education appropriations" means, |
| 299 | for the current fiscal year, the total state funded appropriations to: |
| 300 | (A) the board; |
| 301 | (B) degree-granting institutions; and |
| 302 | (C) technical colleges. |
| 303 | (ii) If a deposit described in Subsection (4)(a) would exceed 10% of total higher |
| 304 | education appropriations, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Division of Finance shall |
| 305 | deposit into the account an amount equal to 10% of total higher education appropriations. |
| 306 | (c) The Legislature may appropriate money to the account. |
| 307 | (5) (a) As used in this Subsection (5): |
| 308 | (i) "Base budget" means the same as that term is defined in legislative rule. |
| 309 | (ii) "Remaining available ongoing [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue" means |

| 310 | the | difference | between: |
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- (A) the estimated ongoing [Education Fund] <u>Income Tax Fund</u> and Uniform School Fund revenue available for the Legislature to appropriate in the next fiscal year; and
- (B) the amount of ongoing appropriations from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund and Uniform School Fund for the current year plus ongoing appropriations required under Sections 53F-9-201 and 53F-9-204 for the next fiscal year.
- (b) Except as described in Subsection (5)(c), for a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023, when preparing the Higher Education Base Budget, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall:
 - (i) include in the base budget the lesser of the amount described in Subsection (4) or the remaining available ongoing [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue; and
 - (ii) appropriate the funds described in Subsection (5)(b)(i) to the Utah Board of Higher Education to distribute to institutions as described in Section 53B-7-705.
 - (c) In a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023, in which the remaining available ongoing [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue is less than zero, when preparing the base budget, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall include in the base budget an amount equal to the difference in the amount described in Subsection (4) for the current year and the amount described in Subsection (4) for the prior year, adjusted for any base budget reductions as directed by the Executive Appropriations Committee.
 - (6) During the interim following a legislative general session in which an amount described in Subsection (4)(b) is deposited into the account, the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee shall review performance funding described in this part and make recommendations to the Legislature about:
 - (a) the performance levels required for degree-granting institutions and technical colleges to receive performance funding as described in Section 53B-7-705;
 - (b) the performance metrics described in Sections 53B-7-706 and 53B-7-707; and
- (c) the amount of individual income tax revenue dedicated to higher education performance funding.

| 338 | Section 4. Section 53B-8-112 is amended to read: |
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| 339 | 53B-8-112. Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program. |
| 340 | (1) The Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program is created. |
| 341 | (2) Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (7) the board shall reimburse |
| 342 | an applicant who: |
| 343 | (a) is a certified peace officer, currently employed by a law enforcement agency within |
| 344 | the state; |
| 345 | (b) has been employed as a certified peace officer for three or more consecutive years; |
| 346 | (c) is seeking a post-secondary degree in the area of criminal justice from a |
| 347 | credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher education, |
| 348 | described in Section 53B-1-102; and |
| 349 | (d) is employed as a peace officer for one year following completion of the academic |
| 350 | year for which the individual is seeking reimbursement. |
| 351 | (3) Individuals who qualify for reimbursement from the Public Safety Officer Career |
| 352 | Advancement Reimbursement Program may apply for reimbursement by July 1 one year after |
| 353 | each academic year for which they are requesting reimbursement. |
| 354 | (4) Subject to Legislative appropriations, of the funds appropriated for the Public |
| 355 | Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program: |
| 356 | (a) 25% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are |
| 357 | currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the third or |
| 358 | fourth class; and |
| 359 | (b) 12% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are |
| 360 | currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the fifth or |
| 361 | sixth class. |
| 362 | (5) (a) A qualified applicant may be reimbursed up to half of the cost of tuition and |
| 363 | fees. |
| 364 | (b) A reimbursement under Subsection (5)(a) is limited to: |
| 365 | (i) a maximum of \$5,000 each academic year; and |

| 366 | (11) a maximum of eight academic years. |
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| 367 | (6) (a) The board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah |
| 368 | Administrative Rulemaking Act, to: |
| 369 | (i) set deadlines for receiving reimbursement applications and supporting |
| 370 | documentation; and |
| 371 | (ii) establish the application process and an appeal process for a reimbursement from |
| 372 | the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program, including procedures |
| 373 | to allow for online application submittals. |
| 374 | (b) The board shall include a disclosure on all applications and related materials that |
| 375 | the amount of the awarded reimbursements may be subject to funding or be reduced, in |
| 376 | accordance with Subsection (7). |
| 377 | (7) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual |
| 378 | appropriation from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund to the board for the costs associated |
| 379 | with the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program authorized under |
| 380 | this section. |
| 381 | (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the appropriation under this |
| 382 | section is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the Public Safety Officer Career |
| 383 | Advancement Reimbursement Program, the board: |
| 384 | (i) may reduce the amount of a reimbursement; and |
| 385 | (ii) shall distribute reimbursements on a pro rata basis to all eligible applicants who |
| 386 | submitted a complete application before the application deadline. |
| 387 | (c) Any individual who is denied reimbursement because of insufficient funds |
| 388 | appropriated may re-apply for reimbursement up to two years after the first year of eligibility. |
| 389 | Section 5. Section 53B-8-202 is amended to read: |
| 390 | 53B-8-202. Regents' Scholarship Program General provisions Board policies. |
| 391 | (1) This section only applies to a student who graduates from high school on or before |
| 392 | July 1, 2018. |
| 393 | (2) The Regents' Scholarship Program is created to award merit scholarships to |

394 students who complete a rigorous core course of study in high school.

- (3) (a) A student who is awarded the Base Regents' scholarship established in Section
 53B-8-203 may also be awarded each of the supplemental awards established in Sections
 53B-8-204 and 53B-8-205.
 - (b) A student may not receive both a Regents' scholarship and a New Century scholarship established in Section 53B-8-105.
 - (4) A Regents' scholarship may only be used at a:

- (a) credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher education; or
- (b) private, nonprofit college or university in the state that is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
- (5) (a) A scholarship holder shall enroll full-time at a higher education institution described in Subsection (4) by no later than the fall term immediately following the student's high school graduation date or receive an approved deferral from the board.
- (b) The board may grant a deferral or leave of absence to a scholarship holder, but the student may only receive scholarship money within five years of the student's high school graduation date.
- (6) (a) The board shall annually report on the Regents' Scholarship Program at the beginning of each school year to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.
- (b) The board shall ensure that the report includes the number of students in each school district and public high school who meet the academic criteria for the Base Regents' scholarship and for the Exemplary Academic Achievement Scholarship.
- (c) The State Board of Education, school districts, and public high schools shall cooperate with the board to facilitate the collection and distribution of Regents' Scholarship Program data.
- (7) The State Board of Education shall annually provide the board a complete list of directory information, including student name and address, for all grade 8 students in the state.
 - (8) The board shall adopt policies establishing:

| 422 | (a) the high school and college course requirements described in Subsection |
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| 423 | 53B-8-203(2)(d)(i); |
| 424 | (b) the additional weights assigned to grades earned in certain courses described in |
| 425 | Subsections 53B-8-203(5) and 53B-8-205(8); |
| 426 | (c) the regional accrediting bodies that may accredit a private high school described in |
| 427 | Subsection 53B-8-203(2)(a)(ii); |
| 428 | (d) (i) the application process and an appeal process for a Regents' scholarship, |
| 429 | including procedures to allow a student to apply for the scholarship on-line; and |
| 430 | (ii) a disclosure on all applications and related materials that the amount of the awards |
| 431 | is subject to funding and may be reduced, in accordance with Subsection (9)(b); and |
| 432 | (e) how college credits correlate to high school units for purposes of Subsection |
| 433 | 53B-8-203(2)(d)(i). |
| 434 | (9) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual |
| 435 | appropriation from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund to the board for the costs associated |
| 436 | with the Regents' Scholarship Program authorized under this section and Sections 53B-8-203, |
| 437 | 53B-8-204, and 53B-8-205. |
| 438 | (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and Sections 53B-8-203, 53B-8-204, |
| 439 | and 53B-8-205, if the appropriation under Subsection (9)(a) is insufficient to cover the costs |
| 440 | associated with the Regents' Scholarship Program, the board may reduce the amount of the |
| 441 | Base Regents' scholarships and supplemental awards. |
| 442 | (10) The board may set deadlines for receiving Regents' scholarship applications and |
| 443 | supporting documentation. |
| 444 | Section 6. Section 53E-3-802 is amended to read: |
| 445 | 53E-3-802. Federal programs School official duties. |
| 446 | (1) School officials may: |
| 447 | (a) apply for, receive, and administer funds made available through programs of the |
| 448 | federal government; |
| 449 | (b) only expend federal funds for the purposes for which they are received and are |

| 450 | accounted for by the state, school district, or charter school; and |
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| 451 | (c) reduce or eliminate a program created with or expanded by federal funds to the |
| 452 | extent allowed by law when federal funds for that program are subsequently reduced or |
| 453 | eliminated. |
| 454 | (2) School officials shall: |
| 455 | (a) prioritize resources, especially to resolve conflicts between federal provisions or |
| 456 | between federal and state programs, including: |
| 457 | (i) providing first priority to meeting state goals, objectives, program needs, and |
| 458 | accountability systems as they relate to federal programs; and |
| 459 | (ii) subject to Subsection (4), providing second priority to implementing federal goals, |
| 460 | objectives, program needs, and accountability systems that do not directly and simultaneously |
| 461 | advance state goals, objectives, program needs, and accountability systems; |
| 462 | (b) interpret the provisions of federal programs in the best interest of students in this |
| 463 | state; |
| 464 | (c) maximize local control and flexibility; |
| 465 | (d) minimize additional state resources that are diverted to implement federal programs |
| 466 | beyond the federal money that is provided to fund the programs; |
| 467 | (e) request changes to federal educational programs, especially programs that are |
| 468 | underfunded or provide conflicts with other state or federal programs, including: |
| 469 | (i) federal statutes; |
| 470 | (ii) federal regulations; and |
| 471 | (iii) other federal policies and interpretations of program provisions; and |
| 472 | (f) seek waivers from all possible federal statutes, requirements, regulations, and |
| 473 | program provisions from federal education officials to: |
| 474 | (i) maximize state flexibility in implementing program provisions; and |
| 475 | (ii) receive reasonable time to comply with federal program provisions. |
| 476 | (3) The requirements of school officials under this part, including the responsibility to |

lobby federal officials, are not intended to mandate school officials to incur costs or require the

478 hiring of lobbyists, but are intended to be performed in the course of school officials' normal 479 duties. 480 (4) (a) As used in this Subsection (4): 481 (i) "Available [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus" means the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus after the statutory transfers and set-asides 482 483 described in Section 63J-1-313. 484 (ii) "[Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus" means the same as that term 485 is defined in Section 63J-1-313. 486 (b) Before prioritizing the implementation of a future federal goal, objective, program 487 need, or accountability system that does not directly and simultaneously advance a state goal, 488 objective, program need, or accountability system, the state board may: 489 (i) determine the financial impact of failure to implement the federal goal, objective, 490 program need, or accountability system; and 491 (ii) if the state board determines that failure to implement the federal goal, objective, 492 program need, or accountability system may result in a financial loss, request that the 493 Legislature mitigate the financial loss. 494 (c) A mitigation requested under Subsection (4)(b)(ii) may include appropriating 495 available [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus through an appropriations act, 496 including an appropriations act passed during a special session called by the governor or a 497 general session. 498 (d) This mitigation option is in addition to and does not restrict or conflict with the 499 state's authority provided in this part. 500 Section 7. Section **53E-6-505** is amended to read: 501 53E-6-505. Meetings and expenses of UPPAC members. 502 (1) UPPAC shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chair or of a majority of 503 the members.

(2) Members of UPPAC serve without compensation but are allowed reimbursement

for actual and necessary expenses under the rules of the Division of Finance.

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| 506 | (3) The state board shall pay reimbursement to UPPAC members out of the [Education |
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| 507 | Fund] Income Tax Fund. |
| 508 | Section 8. Section 53E-7-405 is amended to read: |
| 509 | 53E-7-405. Program donations Scholarship granting organization |
| 510 | requirements. |
| 511 | (1) A person that makes a donation to a scholarship granting organization to help fund |
| 512 | scholarships through the program may be eligible to receive a nonrefundable tax credit as |
| 513 | described in Sections 59-7-625 and 59-10-1041. |
| 514 | (2) In accordance with Section 53E-7-404, an organization may enter into an |
| 515 | agreement with the state board to be a scholarship granting organization. |
| 516 | (3) A scholarship granting organization shall: |
| 517 | (a) accept program donations; |
| 518 | (b) adopt an application process in accordance with Subsection (5); |
| 519 | (c) review scholarship applications and determine scholarship awards; |
| 520 | (d) allocate scholarship money to a scholarship student's parent or, on the parent's |
| 521 | behalf, to a qualifying school in which the scholarship student is enrolled; |
| 522 | (e) adopt a process, with state board approval, that allows a parent to use a scholarship |
| 523 | to pay for a nontuition scholarship expense for the scholarship student; |
| 524 | (f) ensure that: |
| 525 | (i) at least 92% of the scholarship granting organization's revenue from program |
| 526 | donations is spent on scholarships; |
| 527 | (ii) up to 5% of the scholarship granting organization's revenue from program |
| 528 | donations is spent on administration of the program; |
| 529 | (iii) up to 3% of the scholarship granting organization's revenue from program |
| 530 | donations is spent on marketing and fundraising costs; and |
| 531 | (iv) all revenue from program donations' interest or investments is spent on |
| 532 | scholarships; |
| 533 | (g) carry forward no more than 40% of the scholarship granting organization's program |

534 donations from the state fiscal year in which the scholarship granting organization received the 535 program donations to the following state fiscal year; 536 (h) at the end of a fiscal year, remit to the state treasurer donation amounts greater than 537 the amount described in Subsection (3)(g); (i) prohibit a scholarship granting organization employee or officer from handling. 538 539 managing, or processing program donations, if, based on a criminal background check 540 conducted by the state board in accordance with Section 53E-7-404, the state board identifies 541 the employee or officer as posing a risk to the appropriate use of program donations; 542 (i) ensure that a scholarship can be transferred during the school year to a different 543 qualifying school that accepts the scholarship student; (k) report to the state board on or before June 1 of each year the following information. 544 545 prepared by a certified public accountant: 546 (i) the name and address of the scholarship granting organization; 547 (ii) the total number and total dollar amount of program donations that the scholarship 548 granting organization received during the previous calendar year; 549 (iii) the total number and total dollar amount of scholarships the scholarship granting 550 organization awarded during the previous calendar year; and 551 (iv) the percentage of first-time scholarship recipients who were enrolled in a public 552 school during the previous school year or who entered kindergarten or a higher grade for the 553 first time in Utah; 554 (1) issue tax credit certificates as described in Section 53E-7-407; and 555 (m) require a parent to notify a scholarship granting organization if the parent's 556 scholarship recipient: 557 (i) receives scholarship money for tuition expenses; and 558 (ii) does not have continuing enrollment and attendance at a qualifying school.

(5) (a) An application for a scholarship shall contain an acknowledgment by the

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(4) The state treasurer shall deposit the money described in Subsection (3)(h) into the

| 562 | applicant's parent that the qualifying school selected by the parent for the applicant to attend |
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| 563 | using a scholarship is capable of providing the level of disability services required for the |
| 564 | student. |
| 565 | (b) A scholarship application form shall contain the following statement: |
| 566 | "I acknowledge that: |
| 567 | (1) A private school may not provide the same level of disability services that are |
| 568 | provided in a public school; |
| 569 | (2) I will assume full financial responsibility for the education of my scholarship |
| 570 | recipient if I accept this scholarship; |
| 571 | (3) Acceptance of this scholarship has the same effect as a parental refusal to consent |
| 572 | to services as described in 24 C.F.R. Sec. 300.300, issued under the Individuals with |
| 573 | Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.; and |
| 574 | (4) My child may return to a public school at any time." |
| 575 | (c) Upon acceptance of a scholarship, the parent assumes full financial responsibility |
| 576 | for the education of the scholarship recipient. |
| 577 | (d) Acceptance of a scholarship has the same effect as a parental refusal to consent to |
| 578 | services as described in 24 C.F.R. Sec. 300.300, issued under the Individuals with Disabilities |
| 579 | Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq. |
| 580 | (e) The creation of the program or granting of a scholarship does not: |
| 581 | (i) imply that a public school did not provide a free and appropriate public education |
| 582 | for a student; or |
| 583 | (ii) constitute a waiver or admission by the state. |
| 584 | (6) A scholarship granting organization shall demonstrate the scholarship granting |
| 585 | organization's financial accountability by annually submitting to the state board a financial |
| 586 | information report that: |
| 587 | (a) complies with the uniform financial accounting standards described in Section |
| 588 | 53E-7-404; and |

(b) is prepared by a certified public accountant.

| 590 | (7) (a) If a scholarship granting organization allocates \$500,000 or more in |
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| 591 | scholarships annually through the program, the scholarship granting organization shall: |
| 592 | (i) contract for an annual audit, conducted by a certified public accountant who is |
| 593 | independent from: |
| 594 | (A) the scholarship granting organization; and |
| 595 | (B) the scholarship granting organization's accounts and records pertaining to program |
| 596 | donations; and |
| 597 | (ii) in accordance with Subsection (7)(b), report the results of the audit to the state |
| 598 | board for review. |
| 599 | (b) For the report described in Subsection (7)(a)(ii), the scholarship granting |
| 600 | organization shall: |
| 601 | (i) include the scholarship granting organization's financial statements in a format that |
| 602 | meets generally accepted accounting standards; and |
| 603 | (ii) submit the report to the state board no later than 180 days after the last day of a |
| 604 | scholarship granting organization's fiscal year. |
| 605 | (c) The certified public accountant shall conduct an audit described in Subsection |
| 606 | (7)(a)(i) in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and rules made by the state |
| 607 | board. |
| 608 | (d) (i) The state board shall review a report submitted under this section and may |
| 609 | request that the scholarship granting organization revise or supplement the report if the report |
| 610 | is not in compliance with the provisions of this Subsection (7) or rules adopted by the state |
| 611 | board. |
| 612 | (ii) A scholarship granting organization shall provide a revised report or supplement to |
| 613 | the report no later than 45 days after the day on which the state board makes a request |
| 614 | described in Subsection (7)(d)(i). |
| 615 | (8) (a) A scholarship granting organization may not allocate scholarship money to a |
| 616 | qualifying school if: |

(i) the scholarship granting organization determines that the qualifying school

618 intentionally or substantially misrepresented information on overpayment; 619 (ii) the qualifying school fails to refund an overpayment in a timely manner; or (iii) the qualifying school routinely fails to provide scholarship recipients with 620 621 promised educational goods or services. 622 (b) A scholarship granting organization shall notify a scholarship recipient if the scholarship granting organization stops allocation of the recipient's scholarship money to a 623 624 qualifying school under Subsection (8)(a). 625 (9) If a scholarship recipient transfers to another qualifying school during the school 626 year, the scholarship granting organization may prorate scholarship money between the 627 qualifying schools according to the time the scholarship recipient spends at each school. 628 (10) A scholarship granting organization may not: 629 (a) award a scholarship to a relative of the scholarship granting organization's officer or 630 employee; or 631 (b) allocate scholarship money to a qualifying school at which the scholarship recipient has a relative who is an officer or an employee of the qualifying school. 632 633 Section 9. Section 53F-2-203 is amended to read: 634 53F-2-203. Reduction of LEA governing board allocation based on insufficient revenues. 635 636 (1) As used in this section, "Minimum School Program funds" means the total of state 637 and local funds appropriated for the Minimum School Program, excluding: 638 (a) an appropriation for a state guaranteed local levy increment as described in Section 639 53F-2-601; and 640 (b) the appropriation to charter schools to replace local property tax revenues pursuant 641 to Section 53F-2-704. 642 (2) If the Legislature reduces appropriations made to support public schools under this

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chapter because an [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit, as defined in Section

63J-1-312, exists, the state board, after consultation with each LEA governing board, shall

allocate the reduction among school districts and charter schools in proportion to each school

| 646 | district's or charter school's percentage share of Minimum School Program funds. |
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| 647 | (3) Except as provided in Subsection (5) and subject to the requirements of Subsection |
| 648 | (7), an LEA governing board shall determine which programs are affected by a reduction |
| 649 | pursuant to Subsection (2) and the amount each program is reduced. |
| 650 | (4) Except as provided in Subsections (5) and (6), the requirement to spend a specified |
| 651 | amount in any particular program is waived if reductions are made pursuant to Subsection (2). |
| 652 | (5) An LEA governing board may not reduce or reallocate spending of funds |
| 653 | distributed to the school district or charter school for the following programs: |
| 654 | (a) educator salary adjustments provided in Section 53F-2-405; |
| 655 | (b) the Teacher Salary Supplement Program provided in Section 53F-2-504; |
| 656 | (c) the extended year for special educators provided in Section 53F-2-310; |
| 657 | (d) the School LAND Trust Program described in Sections 53F-2-404 and |
| 658 | 53G-7-1206; or |
| 659 | (e) a special education program within the basic school program. |
| 660 | (6) An LEA governing board may not reallocate spending of funds distributed to the |
| 661 | school district or charter school to a reserve account. |
| 662 | (7) An LEA governing board that reduces or reallocates funds in accordance with this |
| 663 | section shall report all transfers into, or out of, Minimum School Program programs to the state |
| 664 | board as part of the school district or charter school's Annual Financial and Program report. |
| 665 | Section 10. Section 53F-9-201 is amended to read: |
| 666 | 53F-9-201. Uniform School Fund Contents Trust Distribution Account. |
| 667 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 668 | (a) "Annual distribution calculation" means, for a given fiscal year, the average of: |
| 669 | (i) 4% of the average market value of the State School Fund for that fiscal year; and |
| 670 | (ii) the distribution amount for the prior fiscal year, multiplied by the sum of: |
| 671 | (A) one; |
| 672 | (B) the percent change in student enrollment from the school year two years prior to |
| 673 | the prior school year; and |

| 674 | (C) the actual total percent change of the consumer price index during the last 12 |
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| 675 | months as measured in June of the prior fiscal year. |
| 676 | (b) "Average market value of the State School Fund" means the results of a calculation |
| 677 | completed by the SITFO director each fiscal year that averages the value of the State School |
| 678 | Fund for the past 20 consecutive quarters ending in the prior fiscal year. |
| 679 | (c) "Consumer price index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban |
| 680 | Consumers: All Items Less Food & Energy, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of |
| 681 | the United States Department of Labor. |
| 682 | (d) "SITFO director" means the director of the School and Institutional Trust Fund |
| 683 | Office appointed under Section 53D-1-401. |
| 684 | (e) "State School Fund investment earnings distribution amount" or "distribution |
| 685 | amount" means, for a fiscal year, the lesser of: |
| 686 | (i) the annual distribution calculation; or |
| 687 | (ii) 4% of the average market value of the State School Fund. |
| 688 | (2) The Uniform School Fund, a special revenue fund [within the Education Fund], |
| 689 | established by Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 5, consists of: |
| 690 | (a) distributions derived from the investment of money in the permanent State School |
| 691 | Fund established by Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 5; |
| 692 | (b) money transferred to the fund pursuant to Title 67, Chapter 4a, Revised Uniform |
| 693 | Unclaimed Property Act; and |
| 694 | (c) all other constitutional or legislative allocations to the fund, including: |
| 695 | (i) appropriations for the Minimum School Program, enrollment growth, and inflation |
| 696 | under Section 53F-9-201.1; and |
| 697 | (ii) revenues received by donation. |
| 698 | (3) (a) There is created within the Uniform School Fund a restricted account known as |
| 699 | the Trust Distribution Account. |
| 700 | (b) The Trust Distribution Account consists of: |
| 701 | (i) in accordance with Subsection (4), quarterly deposits of the State School Fund |

investment earnings distribution amount from the prior fiscal year;

- (ii) all interest earned on the Trust Distribution Account in the prior fiscal year; and
- 704 (iii) any unused appropriation for the administration of the School LAND Trust 705 Program, as described in Subsection 53F-2-404(1)(c).
- 706 (4) If, at the end of a fiscal year, the Trust Distribution Account has a balance 707 remaining after subtracting the appropriation amount described in Subsection 53F-2-404(1)(a) 708 for the next fiscal year, the SITFO director shall, during the next fiscal year, apply the amount 709 of the remaining balance from the prior fiscal year toward the current fiscal year's distribution 710 amount by reducing a quarterly deposit to the Trust Distribution Account by the amount of the 711 remaining balance from the prior fiscal year.
- 712 (5) On or before October 1 of each year, the SITFO director shall:
- 713 (a) in accordance with this section, determine the distribution amount for the following 714 fiscal year; and
- 715 (b) report the amount described in Subsection (5)(a) as the funding amount, described in Subsection 53F-2-404(1)(c), for the School LAND Trust Program, to:
- 717 (i) the State Treasurer;
- 718 (ii) the Legislative Fiscal Analyst;
- 719 (iii) the Division of Finance;
- 720 (iv) the director of the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office, appointed under
- 721 Section 53D-2-203;
- 722 (v) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration created in Section
- 723 **53C-1-201**;

- 724 (vi) the state board; and
- 725 (vii) the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.
- 726 (6) The School and Institutional Trust Fund Board of Trustees created in Section
- 727 53D-1-301 shall:
- 728 (a) annually review the distribution amount; and
- 729 (b) make recommendations, if necessary, to the Legislature for changes to the formula

| 730 | for calculating the distribution amount. |
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| 731 | (7) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the SITFO director shall place in the Trust |
| 732 | Distribution Account funds for the School LAND Trust Program as described in Subsections |
| 733 | 53F-2-404(1)(a) and (c). |
| 734 | Section 11. Section 53F-9-201.1 (Superseded 07/01/22) is amended to read: |
| 735 | 53F-9-201.1 (Superseded 07/01/22). Appropriations to the Minimum School |
| 736 | Program from the Uniform School Fund. |
| 737 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 738 | (a) "Base budget" means the same as that term is defined in legislative rule. |
| 739 | (b) "Enrollment growth and inflation estimates" means the cost estimates regarding |
| 740 | enrollment growth and inflation described in Section 53F-2-208. |
| 741 | (2) Except as provided in Subsection 53F-9-204(3), for a fiscal year beginning on or |
| 742 | after July 1, 2021, when preparing the Public Education Base Budget, the Office of the |
| 743 | Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall: |
| 744 | (a) include appropriations to the Minimum School Program from the Uniform School |
| 745 | Fund, and, subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3), the Public Education Economic Stabilization |
| 746 | Restricted Account, in an amount that is greater than or equal to the sum of: |
| 747 | (i) the ongoing [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund and Uniform School Fund |
| 748 | appropriations to the Minimum School Program in the current fiscal year; and |
| 749 | (ii) subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3)(b), enrollment growth and inflation estimates; |
| 750 | and |
| 751 | (b) except as provided in Subsection (4), an appropriation to increase the value of the |
| 752 | weighted pupil unit that is greater than or equal to 10% of the difference between, as |
| 753 | determined by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst: |
| 754 | (i) the estimated amount of ongoing [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund and Uniform |
| 755 | School Fund revenue available for the Legislature to appropriate for the next fiscal year; and |
| 756 | (ii) the amount of ongoing appropriations from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund |

and Uniform School Fund in the current fiscal year.

| 758 | (3) The total annual amount deposited into the Uniform School Fund, including the |
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| 759 | deposits through the distributions described in Sections 59-7-532 and 59-10-544, for a given |
| 760 | fiscal year may not exceed the amount appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for that |
| 761 | fiscal year. |
| 762 | (4) (a) If an appropriation to increase the value of the weighted pupil unit described in |
| 763 | Subsection (2)(b) would cause the cumulative amount of increases to the value of the weighted |
| 764 | pupil unit, beginning for fiscal year 2022, to exceed \$140,500,000, the Office of the Legislative |
| 765 | Fiscal Analyst: |
| 766 | (i) shall include in the Public Education Base Budget an appropriation to increase the |
| 767 | value of the weighted pupil unit that would cause the cumulative amount of increases to equal |
| 768 | \$140,500,000; and |
| 769 | (ii) is exempt from future application of Subsection (2)(b). |
| 770 | (b) Nothing in this section limits the Legislature's ability to appropriate additional |
| 771 | amounts to increase the value of the weighted pupil unit. |
| 772 | Section 12. Section 53F-9-201.1 (Effective 07/01/22) is amended to read: |
| 773 | 53F-9-201.1 (Effective 07/01/22). Appropriations to the Minimum School |
| 774 | Program from the Uniform School Fund. |
| 775 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 776 | (a) "Base budget" means the same as that term is defined in legislative rule. |
| 777 | (b) "Enrollment growth and inflation estimates" means the cost estimates regarding |
| 778 | enrollment growth and inflation described in Section 53F-2-208. |
| 779 | (2) Except as provided in Subsection 53F-9-204(3), for a fiscal year beginning on or |
| 780 | after July 1, 2021, when preparing the Public Education Base Budget, the Office of the |
| 781 | Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall include appropriations to the Minimum School Program from |
| 782 | the Uniform School Fund, and, subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3), the Public Education |
| 783 | Economic Stabilization Restricted Account, in an amount that is greater than or equal to the |
| 784 | sum of: |
| 785 | (a) the ongoing [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund and Uniform School Fund |

appropriations to the Minimum School Program in the current fiscal year; and

- (b) subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3)(b), enrollment growth and inflation estimates.
- (3) The total annual amount deposited into the Uniform School Fund, including the deposits through the distributions described in Sections 59-7-532 and 59-10-544, for a given fiscal year may not exceed the amount appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for that fiscal year.
 - Section 13. Section **53F-9-204** is amended to read:

53F-9-204. Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account.

- (1) There is created within the Uniform School Fund a restricted account known as the "Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account."
- (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the account shall be funded from the following revenue sources:
- (i) 15% of the difference between, as determined by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst:
- (A) the estimated amount of ongoing [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund and Uniform School Fund revenue available for the Legislature to appropriate for the next fiscal year; and
- (B) the amount of ongoing appropriations from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund and Uniform School Fund in the current fiscal year; and
 - (ii) other appropriations as the Legislature may designate.
- (b) If the appropriation described in Subsection (2)(a) would cause the ongoing appropriations to the account to exceed 11% of Uniform School Fund appropriations described in Section 53F-9-201.1 for the same fiscal year, the Legislature shall appropriate only those funds necessary to ensure that the ongoing appropriations to the account equal 11% of Uniform School Fund appropriations for that fiscal year.
- (3) Subject to the availability of ongoing appropriations to the account, in accordance with Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 5, Subsection (4), the ongoing appropriation to the account shall be used to fund:
- 813 (a) except for a year described in Subsection (3)(b), one-time appropriations to the

| 814 | public education system; and |
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| 815 | (b) the Minimum School Program for a year in which [Education Fund] Income Tax |
| 816 | <u>Fund</u> revenue and Uniform School Fund revenue are insufficient to fund: |
| 817 | (i) ongoing appropriations to the public education system; and |
| 818 | (ii) enrollment growth and inflation estimates, as defined in Section 53F-9-201.1. |
| 819 | (4) (a) The account shall earn interest. |
| 820 | (b) All interest earned on account money shall be deposited in the account. |
| 821 | (5) On or before December 31, 2023, and every three years thereafter, the Office of the |
| 822 | Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall: |
| 823 | (a) review the percentages described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (2)(b); and |
| 824 | (b) recommend to the Executive Appropriations Subcommittee any changes based on |
| 825 | the review described in Subsection (5)(a). |
| 826 | Section 14. Section 53F-9-301 is amended to read: |
| 827 | 53F-9-301. Charter School Levy Account. |
| 828 | (1) (a) The terms defined in Section 53G-5-102 apply to this section. |
| 829 | (b) As used in this section, "account" means the Charter School Levy Account created |
| 830 | in this section. |
| 831 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 832 | known as the "Charter School Levy Account." |
| 833 | (3) The account shall be funded by amounts deposited into the account in accordance |
| 834 | with Section 53F-2-703. |
| 835 | (4) Upon appropriation from the Legislature, the state board shall distribute funds from |
| 836 | the account as described in Section 53F-2-703. |
| 837 | (5) The account shall earn interest. |
| 838 | (6) Interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account. |
| 839 | (7) Funds in the account are nonlapsing. |
| 840 | Section 15. Section 53F-9-302 is amended to read: |
| 841 | 53F-9-302. Minimum Basic Growth Account. |

| 842 | (1) As used in this section, "account" means the Minimum Basic Growth Account |
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| 843 | created in this section. |
| 844 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 845 | known as the "Minimum Basic Growth Account." |
| 846 | (3) The account shall be funded by amounts deposited into the account in accordance |
| 847 | with Section 53F-2-301 or 53F-2-301.5, as applicable. |
| 848 | (4) The account shall earn interest. |
| 849 | (5) Interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account. |
| 850 | (6) Upon appropriation by the Legislature: |
| 851 | (a) 75% of the money from the account shall be used to fund the state's contribution to |
| 852 | the voted local levy guarantee described in Section 53F-2-601; |
| 853 | (b) 20% of the money from the account shall be used to fund the Capital Outlay |
| 854 | Foundation Program as provided in Section 53F-3-202; and |
| 855 | (c) 5% of the money from the account shall be used to fund the Capital Outlay |
| 856 | Enrollment Growth Program as provided in Section 53F-3-203. |
| 857 | Section 16. Section 53F-9-303 is amended to read: |
| 858 | 53F-9-303. Charter School Reserve Account. |
| 859 | (1) The terms defined in Section 53G-5-601 apply to this section. |
| 860 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 861 | known as the "Charter School Reserve Account." |
| 862 | (3) The reserve account consists of: |
| 863 | (a) money credited to the account pursuant to Section 53G-5-607; |
| 864 | (b) money appropriated to the account by the Legislature; |
| 865 | (c) all income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the |
| 866 | account; |
| 867 | (d) federal grants; and |
| 868 | (e) private donations. |
| 869 | (4) Money in the reserve account may be appropriated by the Legislature to: |

| 8/0 | (a) restore amounts on deposit in a debt service reserve fund of a qualifying charter |
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| 871 | school to the debt service reserve fund requirement; |
| 872 | (b) pay fees and expenses of the authority; |
| 873 | (c) pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued for a qualifying charter school; or |
| 874 | (d) otherwise provide financial assistance to a qualifying charter school. |
| 875 | Section 17. Section 53F-9-304 is amended to read: |
| 876 | 53F-9-304. Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program |
| 877 | Restricted Account. |
| 878 | (1) As used in this section, "account" means the Underage Drinking and Substance |
| 879 | Abuse Prevention Program Restricted Account created in this section. |
| 880 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 881 | known as the "Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program Restricted |
| 882 | Account." |
| 883 | (3) (a) Before the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control deposits any portion of |
| 884 | the markup collected under Section 32B-2-304 into the Liquor Control Fund in accordance |
| 885 | with Section 32B-2-301, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall deposit into the |
| 886 | account: |
| 887 | (i) for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2017, \$1,750,000; or |
| 888 | (ii) for each fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2018, an amount equal to the |
| 889 | amount that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control deposited into the account during |
| 890 | the preceding fiscal year increased or decreased by a percentage equal to the percentage |
| 891 | difference between the Consumer Price Index for the second preceding calendar year and the |
| 892 | Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year. |
| 893 | (b) For purposes of this Subsection (3), the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control |
| 894 | shall calculate the Consumer Price Index in accordance with 26 U.S.C. Secs. 1(f)(4) and |
| 895 | 1(f)(5). |
| 896 | (4) The account shall be funded: |
| 897 | (a) in accordance with Subsection (3); |

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| 898 | (b) by appropriations made to the account by the Legislature; and |
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| 899 | (c) by interest earned on money in the account. |
| 900 | (5) The state board shall use money in the account for the Underage Drinking and |
| 901 | Substance Abuse Prevention Program described in Section 53G-10-406. |
| 902 | Section 18. Section 53F-9-305 is amended to read: |
| 903 | 53F-9-305. Local Levy Growth Account. |
| 904 | (1) As used in this section, "account" means the Local Levy Growth Account created in |
| 905 | this section. |
| 906 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 907 | known as the "Local Levy Growth Account." |
| 908 | (3) The account shall be funded by: |
| 909 | (a) amounts deposited into the account in accordance with Section 53F-2-301 or |
| 910 | 53F-2-301.5, as applicable; and |
| 911 | (b) other legislative appropriations. |
| 912 | (4) The account shall earn interest. |
| 913 | (5) Interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account. |
| 914 | (6) The Legislature shall appropriate money in the account to the state board. |
| 915 | Section 19. Section 53F-9-306 is amended to read: |
| 916 | 53F-9-306. Teacher and Student Success Account. |
| 917 | (1) As used in this section, "account" means the Teacher and Student Success Account |
| 918 | created in this section. |
| 919 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 920 | known as the "Teacher and Student Success Account." |
| 921 | (3) The account shall be funded by: |
| 922 | (a) amounts deposited into the account in accordance with Section 53F-2-301 or |
| 923 | 53F-2-301.5, as applicable; and |
| 924 | (b) other legislative appropriations. |
| 925 | (4) The account shall earn interest. |

| 926 | (5) Interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account. |
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| 927 | (6) The Legislature shall appropriate money in the account to the state board. |
| 928 | Section 20. Section 53F-9-307 is amended to read: |
| 929 | 53F-9-307. Charter School Closure Reserve Account. |
| 930 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 931 | (a) "Account" means the Charter School Closure Reserve Account created in this |
| 932 | section. |
| 933 | (b) "Charter school authorizer" or "authorizer" means an entity listed in Section |
| 934 | 53G-5-205 that authorizes a charter school. |
| 935 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a special revenue |
| 936 | fund known as the "Charter School Closure Reserve Account." |
| 937 | (3) The account consists of: |
| 938 | (a) appropriations of the Legislature; |
| 939 | (b) amounts deposited into the account in accordance with this section; and |
| 940 | (c) interest earned on money in the account. |
| 941 | (4) (a) The account shall earn interest. |
| 942 | (b) Interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account. |
| 943 | (5) (a) In a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2021, a charter school shall |
| 944 | annually contribute to the account \$2 per student enrolled in the charter school until the |
| 945 | account balance reaches \$3,000,000. |
| 946 | (b) (i) Beginning with the fiscal year following the first fiscal year in which the account |
| 947 | balance reaches \$3,000,000, except as provided in Subsections (5)(b)(ii) and (iii), in any fiscal |
| 948 | year in which the account balance is less than \$3,000,000, a charter school shall contribute to |
| 949 | the account a prorated amount, not to exceed \$2 per student enrolled in a charter school, in |
| 950 | accordance with Subsection (6). |
| 951 | (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b)(iii), if no funds have been withdrawn from |
| 952 | the account due to a charter school closure, in a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2024, |
| 953 | in which the account balance is less than \$2,500,000, a charter school shall contribute to the |

account a prorated amount, not to exceed \$2 per student enrolled in a charter school, in
accordance with Subsection (6).
(iii) If no funds have been withdrawn from the account due to a charter school closure,

- (iii) If no funds have been withdrawn from the account due to a charter school closure, in a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2026, in which the account balance is less than \$2,000,000, a charter school shall contribute to the account a prorated amount, not to exceed \$2 per student enrolled in a charter school, in accordance with Subsection (6).
- (c) The state board shall ensure that the total contribution from charter schools described in Subsection (5)(b) equals the lesser of:
- (i) (A) in a fiscal year after the first fiscal year in which the account balance reaches \$3,000,000, an amount sufficient to maintain an account balance of \$3,000,000;
- (B) in a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2024, if no funds have been withdrawn from the account due to charter school closure, an amount sufficient to maintain an account balance of \$2,500,000; or
- (C) in a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2026, if no funds have been withdrawn from the account due to charter school closure, an amount sufficient to maintain an account balance of \$2,000,000; and
 - (ii) \$2 per student enrolled in a charter school.
- 971 (6) The state board of education shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, 972 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for:
 - (a) calculating the amounts described in Subsections (5)(b) and (c);
- 974 (b) a process for collecting charter school contributions to the account described in this 975 section; and
 - (c) a process for depositing charter school contributions to the account described in this section into the account.
- 978 (7) Money in the account may only be used upon closure of a charter school that closes 979 on or after January 1, 2021:
 - (a) to pay debts that the charter school owes to:
- 981 (i) the state board; or

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(i) the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund; and

Subsection (1)(a) to:

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- 1007 (ii) the Uniform School Fund in accordance with Section 53F-9-201.1.
- 1008 (c) The commission may credit to or draw from the [Education Fund] Income Tax
 1009 Fund and the Uniform School Fund:

and Uniform School Fund appropriations for the current fiscal year, the revenue described in

| 1010 | (1) annually to adjust for differences between estimates and actual amounts; or |
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| 1011 | (ii) in the proportion described in Subsection (1)(b) to issue a refund. |
| 1012 | (2) The commission shall from time to time certify to the state auditor the amount of |
| 1013 | any refund authorized by it, the amount of interest computed on it under the provisions of |
| 1014 | Section 59-7-533, from whom the tax to be refunded was collected, or by whom it was paid, |
| 1015 | and such refund claims shall be paid in order out of the funds first accruing to the [Education |
| 1016 | Fund] Income Tax Fund from the provisions of this section. |
| 1017 | Section 22. Section 59-7-614.1 is amended to read: |
| 1018 | 59-7-614.1. Refundable tax credit for hand tools used in farming operations |
| 1019 | Procedures for refund Transfers from General Fund to Income Tax Fund |
| 1020 | Rulemaking authority. |
| 1021 | (1) For a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2004, a taxpayer may claim a |
| 1022 | refundable tax credit: |
| 1023 | (a) as provided in this section; |
| 1024 | (b) against taxes otherwise due under this chapter; and |
| 1025 | (c) in an amount equal to the amount of tax the taxpayer pays: |
| 1026 | (i) on a purchase of a hand tool: |
| 1027 | (A) if the purchase is made on or after July 1, 2004; |
| 1028 | (B) if the hand tool is used or consumed primarily and directly in a farming operation |
| 1029 | in the state; and |
| 1030 | (C) if the unit purchase price of the hand tool is more than \$250; and |
| 1031 | (ii) under Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, on the purchase described in Subsection |
| 1032 | (1)(c)(i). |
| 1033 | (2) A taxpayer: |
| 1034 | (a) shall retain the following to establish the amount of tax the resident or nonresident |
| 1035 | individual paid under Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, on the purchase described in |
| 1036 | Subsection (1)(c)(i): |
| 1037 | (i) a receipt; |

| 1038 | (ii) an invoice; or |
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| 1039 | (iii) a document similar to a document described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii); and |
| 1040 | (b) may not carry forward or carry back a tax credit under this section. |
| 1041 | (3) (a) In accordance with any rules prescribed by the commission under Subsection |
| 1042 | (3)(b): |
| 1043 | (i) the commission shall make a refund to a taxpayer that claims a tax credit under this |
| 1044 | section if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability under this chapter; |
| 1045 | and |
| 1046 | (ii) the Division of Finance shall transfer at least annually from the General Fund into |
| 1047 | the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund an amount equal to the amount of tax credit claimed |
| 1048 | under this section. |
| 1049 | (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the |
| 1050 | commission may make rules providing procedures for making: |
| 1051 | (i) a refund to a taxpayer as required by Subsection (3)(a)(i); or |
| 1052 | (ii) transfers from the General Fund into the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund as |
| 1053 | required by Subsection (3)(a)(ii). |
| 1054 | Section 23. Section 59-10-544 is amended to read: |
| 1055 | 59-10-544. General powers and duties of the commission Deposit, distribution, |
| 1056 | or credit of revenues Refund reverts to state under certain circumstances. |
| 1057 | (1) (a) The commission shall administer and enforce a tax imposed under this chapter |
| 1058 | for which purpose it may divide the state into districts in each of which a branch office of the |
| 1059 | commission may be maintained. |
| 1060 | (b) A county may not be divided in forming a district. |
| 1061 | (2) (a) The commission shall deposit at least quarterly all revenue collected or received |
| 1062 | by the commission under this chapter with the state treasurer. |
| 1063 | (b) Subject to Sections 59-10-529 and 59-10-531, the commission shall distribute and |
| 1064 | credit, at least quarterly and based on a pro rata share of [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund |
| 1065 | and Uniform School Fund appropriations for the current fiscal year, the revenue described in |

| 1066 | Subsection (2)(a) to: |
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| 1067 | (i) the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund; and |
| 1068 | (ii) the Uniform School Fund in accordance with Section 53F-9-201.1. |
| 1069 | (c) The commission may credit to or draw from the [Education Fund] Income Tax |
| 1070 | Fund and the Uniform School Fund: |
| 1071 | (i) annually to adjust for differences between estimates and actual amounts; or |
| 1072 | (ii) in the proportion described in Subsection (2)(b) to issue a refund. |
| 1073 | (d) If a refund the commission makes is not claimed within two years from the date the |
| 1074 | commission issues the refund: |
| 1075 | (i) the refund reverts to the state to be credited to the [Education Fund] Income Tax |
| 1076 | Fund; and |
| 1077 | (ii) no further claim may be made on the commission for the amount of the refund. |
| 1078 | Section 24. Section 59-10-1005 is amended to read: |
| 1079 | 59-10-1005. Tax credit for at-home parent. |
| 1080 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 1081 | (a) "At-home parent" means a parent: |
| 1082 | (i) who provides full-time care at the parent's residence for one or more of the parent's |
| 1083 | own qualifying children; |
| 1084 | (ii) who claims the qualifying child as a dependent on the parent's individual income |
| 1085 | tax return for the taxable year for which the parent claims the credit; and |
| 1086 | (iii) if the sum of the following amounts are \$3,000 or less for the taxable year for |
| 1087 | which the parent claims the credit: |
| 1088 | (A) the total wages, tips, and other compensation listed on all of the parent's federal |
| 1089 | Forms W-2; and |
| 1090 | (B) the gross income listed on the parent's federal Form 1040 Schedule C, Profit or |
| 1091 | Loss From Business. |
| 1092 | (b) "Parent" means an individual who: |
| 1093 | (i) is the biological mother or father of a qualifying child; |

| 1121 | for refund Transfers from General Fund to Income Tax Fund Rulemaking authority. |
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| 1120 | 59-10-1105. Tax credit for hand tools used in farming operations Procedures |
| 1119 | Section 25. Section 59-10-1105 is amended to read: |
| 1118 | Fund] Income Tax Fund as required by Subsection (4)(a). |
| 1117 | commission may make rules for making a transfer from the General Fund into the [Education |
| 1116 | (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the |
| 1115 | section. |
| 1114 | [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund the aggregate amount of all tax credits claimed under this |
| 1113 | (4)(b), the Division of Finance shall transfer at least annually from the General Fund into the |
| 1112 | (4) (a) In accordance with any rules prescribed by the commission under Subsection |
| 1111 | section. |
| 1110 | (3) A claimant may not carry forward or carry back a tax credit authorized by this |
| 1109 | return is less than or equal to \$50,000. |
| 1108 | (b) the adjusted gross income of all of the claimants filing the individual income tax |
| 1107 | claimant is an at-home parent; and |
| 1106 | (a) the claimant or another claimant filing a joint individual income tax return with the |
| 1105 | qualifying child if: |
| 1104 | the claimant's individual income tax return a nonrefundable tax credit of \$100 for each |
| 1103 | (2) For a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2000, a claimant may claim on |
| 1102 | day of the taxable year for which the tax credit is claimed. |
| 1101 | (c) "Qualifying child" means a child who is no more than 12 months of age on the last |
| 1100 | (v) is a legal guardian of a qualifying child. |
| 1099 | (iv) is a foster parent of a qualifying child; or |
| 1098 | (II) for the purpose of legally adopting the child; |
| 1097 | (I) by a child-placing agency, as defined in Section 62A-2-101; and |
| 1096 | (B) has a qualifying child placed in the individual's home: |
| 1095 | (iii) (A) legally adopts a qualifying child; or |
| 1094 | (ii) is the stepfather or stepmother of a qualifying child; |

| 1122 | (1) For a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2004, a claimant, estate, or trust |
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| 1123 | may claim a refundable tax credit: |
| 1124 | (a) as provided in this section; |
| 1125 | (b) against taxes otherwise due under this chapter; and |
| 1126 | (c) in an amount equal to the amount of tax the claimant, estate, or trust pays: |
| 1127 | (i) on a purchase of a hand tool: |
| 1128 | (A) if the purchase is made on or after July 1, 2004; |
| 1129 | (B) if the hand tool is used or consumed primarily and directly in a farming operation |
| 1130 | in the state; and |
| 1131 | (C) if the unit purchase price of the hand tool is more than \$250; and |
| 1132 | (ii) under Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, on the purchase described in Subsection |
| 1133 | (1)(c)(i). |
| 1134 | (2) A claimant, estate, or trust: |
| 1135 | (a) shall retain the following to establish the amount of tax the claimant, estate, or trust |
| 1136 | paid under Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, on the purchase described in Subsection |
| 1137 | (1)(c)(i): |
| 1138 | (i) a receipt; |
| 1139 | (ii) an invoice; or |
| 1140 | (iii) a document similar to a document described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii); and |
| 1141 | (b) may not carry forward or carry back a tax credit under this section. |
| 1142 | (3) (a) In accordance with any rules prescribed by the commission under Subsection |
| 1143 | (3)(b): |
| 1144 | (i) the commission shall make a refund to a claimant, estate, or trust that claims a tax |
| 1145 | credit under this section if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the claimant's, estate's, or trust's |
| 1146 | tax liability under this chapter; and |
| 1147 | (ii) the Division of Finance shall transfer at least annually from the General Fund into |
| 1148 | the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all tax |
| 1149 | credits claimed under this section. |

| 1150 | (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the |
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| 1151 | commission may make rules providing procedures for making: |
| 1152 | (i) a refund to a claimant, estate, or trust as required by Subsection (3)(a)(i); or |
| 1153 | (ii) transfers from the General Fund into the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund as |
| 1154 | required by Subsection (3)(a)(ii). |
| 1155 | Section 26. Section 59-13-202 is amended to read: |
| 1156 | 59-13-202. Refund of tax for agricultural uses on individual income and |
| 1157 | corporate franchise and income tax returns Application for permit for refund |
| 1158 | Division of Finance to pay claims Rules permitted to enforce part Penalties |
| 1159 | Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee study. |
| 1160 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 1161 | (a) (i) Except at provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), "claimant" means a resident or |
| 1162 | nonresident person. |
| 1163 | (ii) "Claimant" does not include an estate or trust. |
| 1164 | (b) "Estate" means a nonresident estate or a resident estate. |
| 1165 | (c) "Refundable tax credit" or "tax credit" means a tax credit that a claimant, estate, or |
| 1166 | trust may claim: |
| 1167 | (i) as provided by statute; and |
| 1168 | (ii) regardless of whether, for the taxable year for which the claimant, estate, or trust |
| 1169 | claims the tax credit, the claimant, estate, or trust has a tax liability under: |
| 1170 | (A) Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes; or |
| 1171 | (B) Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act. |
| 1172 | (d) "Trust" means a nonresident trust or a resident trust. |
| 1173 | (2) Any claimant, estate, or trust that purchases and uses any motor fuel within the state |
| 1174 | for the purpose of operating or propelling stationary farm engines and self-propelled farm |
| 1175 | machinery used for nonhighway agricultural uses, and that has paid the tax on the motor fuel as |
| 1176 | provided by this part, is entitled to a refund of the tax subject to the conditions and limitations |
| 1177 | provided under this part. |

(3) (a) A claimant, estate, or trust desiring a nonhighway agricultural use refund under this part shall claim the refund as a refundable tax credit on the tax return the claimant, estate, or trust files under:

- (i) Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes; or
- (ii) Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act.

- (b) A claimant, estate, or trust not subject to filing a tax return described in Subsection (3)(a) shall obtain a permit and file claims on a calendar year basis.
- (c) Any claimant, estate, or trust claiming a refundable tax credit under this section is required to furnish any or all of the information outlined in this section upon request of the commission.
- (d) A refundable tax credit under this section is allowed only on purchases on which tax is paid during the taxable year covered by the tax return.
- (4) In order to obtain a permit for a refund of motor fuel tax paid, an application shall be filed containing:
 - (a) the name of the claimant, estate, or trust;
 - (b) the claimant's, estate's, or trust's address;
- (c) location and number of acres owned and operated, location and number of acres rented and operated, the latter of which shall be verified by a signed statement from the legal owner;
 - (d) number of acres planted to each crop, type of soil, and whether irrigated or dry; and
- (e) make, size, and type of fuel used and power rating of each piece of equipment using fuel. If the claimant, estate, or trust is an operator of self-propelled or tractor-pulled farm machinery with which the claimant, estate, or trust works for hire doing custom jobs for other farmers, the application shall include information the commission requires and shall all be contained in, and be considered part of, the original application. The claimant, estate, or trust shall also file with the application a certificate from the county assessor showing each piece of equipment using fuel. This original application and all information contained in it constitutes a permanent file with the commission in the name of the claimant, estate, or trust.

(5) A claimant, estate, or trust claiming the right to a refund of motor fuel tax paid shall file a claim with the commission by April 15 of each year for the refund for the previous calendar year. The claim shall state the name and address of the claimant, estate, or trust, the number of gallons of motor fuel purchased for nonhighway agricultural uses, and the amount paid for the motor fuel. The claimant, estate, or trust shall retain the original invoice to support the claim. No more than one claim for a tax refund may be filed annually by each user of motor fuel purchased for nonhighway agricultural uses.

- (6) Upon commission approval of the claim for a refund, the Division of Finance shall pay the amount found due to the claimant, estate, or trust. The total amount of claims for refunds shall be paid from motor fuel taxes.
- (7) The commission may refuse to accept as evidence of purchase or payment any instruments that show alteration or that fail to indicate the quantity of the purchase, the price of the motor fuel, a statement that the motor fuel is purchased for purposes other than transportation, and the date of purchase and delivery. If the commission is not satisfied with the evidence submitted in connection with the claim, the commission may reject the claim or require additional evidence.
- (8) A claimant, estate, or trust aggrieved by the decision of the commission with respect to a refundable tax credit or refund may file a request for agency action, requesting a hearing before the commission.
- (9) A claimant, estate, or trust that makes any false claim, report, or statement, as claimant, estate, trust, agent, or creditor, with intent to defraud or secure a refund to which the claimant, estate, or trust is not entitled, is subject to the criminal penalties provided under Section 59-1-401, and the commission shall initiate the filing of a complaint for alleged violations of this part. In addition to these penalties, the claimant, estate, or trust may not receive any refund as a claimant, estate, or trust or as a creditor of a claimant, estate, or trust for refund for a period of five years.
- (10) (a) In accordance with any rules prescribed by the commission under Subsection (10)(b), the Division of Finance shall transfer at least annually from the Transportation Fund

| 1234 | into the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund an amount equal to the amount of the refund |
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| 1235 | claimed under this section. |
| 1236 | (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the |
| 1237 | commission may make rules providing procedures for: |
| 1238 | (i) making a refund to a claimant, estate, or trust as required by Subsection (3)(a)(i); |
| 1239 | (ii) making a transfer from the Transportation Fund into the [Education Fund] Income |
| 1240 | Tax Fund as required by Subsection (10)(a); or |
| 1241 | (iii) enforcing this part. |
| 1242 | (11) (a) On or before November 30, 2017, and every three years after 2017, the |
| 1243 | Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall review the tax credit provided by this section |
| 1244 | and make recommendations concerning whether the tax credit should be continued, modified, |
| 1245 | or repealed. |
| 1246 | (b) In conducting the review required by Subsection (11)(a), the Revenue and Taxation |
| 1247 | Interim Committee shall: |
| 1248 | (i) schedule time on at least one committee agenda to conduct the review; |
| 1249 | (ii) invite state agencies, individuals, and organizations concerned with the credit under |
| 1250 | review to provide testimony; |
| 1251 | (iii) ensure that the recommendations described in this section include an evaluation of: |
| 1252 | (A) the cost of the tax credit to the state; |
| 1253 | (B) the purpose and effectiveness of the tax credit; and |
| 1254 | (C) the extent to which the state benefits from the tax credit; and |
| 1255 | (iv) undertake other review efforts as determined by the chairs of the Revenue and |
| 1256 | Taxation Interim Committee. |
| 1257 | Section 27. Section 63A-5b-406 is amended to read: |
| 1258 | 63A-5b-406. Limitations on new projects. |
| 1259 | (1) The Legislature may authorize: |
| 1260 | (a) the total square footage to be occupied by each agency; and |
| 1261 | (b) the total square footage and total cost of lease space for each agency. |

| 1262 | (2) If construction of a new building or facility will require an immediate or future |
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| 1263 | increase in state funding for operations and maintenance or for capital improvements, the |
| 1264 | Legislature may not authorize the new building or facility until the Legislature appropriates |
| 1265 | funds for: |
| 1266 | (a) the portion of operations and maintenance, if any, that will require an immediate or |
| 1267 | future increase in state funding; and |
| 1268 | (b) the portion of capital improvements, if any, that will require an immediate or future |
| 1269 | increase in state funding. |
| 1270 | (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b) and (c), the Legislature may not fund |
| 1271 | the design or construction of any new capital development project, except to complete the |
| 1272 | funding of a project for which partial funding has been previously provided, until the |
| 1273 | Legislature has appropriated 1.1% of the replacement cost of existing state facilities and |
| 1274 | infrastructure to capital improvements. |
| 1275 | (b) If the Legislature determines that there exists an [Education Fund] Income Tax |
| 1276 | <u>Fund</u> budget deficit, as defined in Section 63J-1-312, or a General Fund budget deficit, as |
| 1277 | defined in Section 63J-1-312, the Legislature may, in eliminating the deficit, reduce the amount |
| 1278 | appropriated to capital improvements to 0.9% of the replacement cost of state buildings and |
| 1279 | infrastructure. |
| 1280 | (c) Subsection (3)(a) does not apply to a dedicated project as defined in Section |
| 1281 | 63A-5b-403. |
| 1282 | (4) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the Legislature may not fund the |
| 1283 | design and construction of a new facility in phases over more than one year unless the |
| 1284 | Legislature approves the funding for both the design and construction by a vote of two-thirds of |
| 1285 | all the members elected to each house. |
| 1286 | (ii) Subsection (4)(a)(i) does not apply to a dedicated project as defined in Section |
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(b) An agency shall receive approval from the director before the agency begins

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programming for a new facility:

| 1290 | (1) that requires legislative approval; or |
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| 1291 | (ii) to be built under Subsection 63A-5b-404(2). |
| 1292 | (c) The division or an agency may fund the programming of a new facility before the |
| 1293 | Legislature makes an appropriation for the new facility under Subsection (4)(a). |
| 1294 | (5) (a) The director, with the approval of the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, |
| 1295 | shall develop standard forms to present capital development project and capital improvement |
| 1296 | project cost summary data. |
| 1297 | (b) The director shall: |
| 1298 | (i) within 30 days after the completion of each capital development project, submit cost |
| 1299 | summary data for the project on the standard form to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal |
| 1300 | Analyst; and |
| 1301 | (ii) upon request, submit cost summary data for a capital improvement project to the |
| 1302 | Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on the standard form. |
| 1303 | (6) (a) After the Legislature approves capital development project priorities under |
| 1304 | Section 63A-5b-402 and capital improvement project priorities under Section 63A-5b-405, the |
| 1305 | director may reallocate capital development project or capital improvement project funds to |
| 1306 | address a critical need for a capital improvement project: |
| 1307 | (i) if an emergency arises that creates an unforeseen and critical need for the capital |
| 1308 | improvement project; and |
| 1309 | (ii) notwithstanding the requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures |
| 1310 | Act. |
| 1311 | (b) The director shall report any changes the director makes in capital development |
| 1312 | project or capital improvement project allocations approved by the Legislature to: |
| 1313 | (i) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst within 30 days after the reallocation; and |
| 1314 | (ii) the Legislature at the Legislature's next annual general session. |
| 1315 | Section 28. Section 63J-1-102 is amended to read: |
| 1316 | 63J-1-102. Definitions. |
| 1317 | As used in this chapter: |

| 1318 | (1) "Agency" means a unit of accounting, typically associated with a department, |
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| 1319 | division, board, council, committee, institution, office, bureau, or other similar administrative |
| 1320 | unit of state government, that includes line items and programs. |
| 1321 | (2) "Budget execution plan" means a proposal submitted by an administrative unit of |
| 1322 | state government to the Division of Finance enumerating expected revenues and authorized |
| 1323 | expenditures within line items and among programs. |
| 1324 | (3) "Debt service" means the money that is required annually to cover the repayment of |
| 1325 | interest and principal on state debt. |
| 1326 | (4) (a) "Dedicated credits" means collections by an agency that fund agency operations. |
| 1327 | (b) "Dedicated credits" includes: |
| 1328 | (i) assessments; |
| 1329 | (ii) sales of goods and materials; |
| 1330 | (iii) sales of services; |
| 1331 | (iv) permits, licenses, and other fees; |
| 1332 | (v) fines, penalties, and forfeitures; and |
| 1333 | (vi) rental revenue. |
| 1334 | (c) "Dedicated credits" does not include: |
| 1335 | (i) expendable receipts; |
| 1336 | (ii) revenues otherwise designated by law for deposit into another fund or account; |
| 1337 | (iii) federal revenues and the related pass through; or |
| 1338 | (iv) revenues that are not deposited in governmental funds. |
| 1339 | (5) (a) "Expendable receipts" means collections by an agency for expenditures that are |
| 1340 | limited by a nonstate entity that provides the funds. |
| 1341 | (b) "Expendable receipts" includes: |
| 1342 | (i) grants; |
| 1343 | (ii) state matches for federal revenues paid by a nonstate entity; and |
| 1344 | (iii) rebates, including pharmacy rebates, that have similar restrictions on expenditures |
| 1345 | as the original program. |

| 1346 | (c) "Expendable receipts" does not include: |
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| 1347 | (i) dedicated credits; |
| 1348 | (ii) revenues otherwise designated by law for deposit into another fund or account; |
| 1349 | (iii) federal revenues and the related pass through; or |
| 1350 | (iv) revenues that are not deposited into governmental funds. |
| 1351 | (6) "Federal revenues" means collections by an agency from a federal source that are |
| 1352 | deposited into an account for expenditure by the agency. |
| 1353 | (7) "Free revenue" includes: |
| 1354 | (a) collections that are required by law to be deposited in: |
| 1355 | (i) the General Fund; |
| 1356 | (ii) the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund; |
| 1357 | (iii) the Uniform School Fund; or |
| 1358 | (iv) the Transportation Fund; |
| 1359 | (b) collections that are not otherwise designated by law; |
| 1360 | (c) collections that are not externally restricted; and |
| 1361 | (d) collections that are not included in an approved budget execution plan. |
| 1362 | (8) "Grant" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63J-7-101. |
| 1363 | (9) (a) "Item of appropriation" means an authorization of expenditure contained in |
| 1364 | legislation that appropriates funds and includes the following: |
| 1365 | (i) the name of the agency and line item to which authorization is granted; and |
| 1366 | (ii) sources of finance from which authorization is granted and associated amounts |
| 1367 | authorized. |
| 1368 | (b) "Item of appropriation" also includes: |
| 1369 | (i) a schedule of programs; |
| 1370 | (ii) intent language; |
| 1371 | (iii) approved full-time equivalent employment; |
| 1372 | (iv) authorized capital outlay; and |
| 1373 | (v) other conditions of appropriation |

| 1374 | (10) "Line item" means a unit of accounting, typically representing an administrative |
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| 1375 | unit of state government within an agency, that contains one or more programs. |
| 1376 | (11) "Major revenue types" means: |
| 1377 | (a) free revenue; |
| 1378 | (b) federal revenue; |
| 1379 | (c) restricted revenue; |
| 1380 | (d) dedicated credits; and |
| 1381 | (e) expendable receipts. |
| 1382 | (12) "Program" means a unit of accounting included on a schedule of programs within |
| 1383 | a line item used to track budget authorizations, collections, and expenditures on specific |
| 1384 | purposes or functions. |
| 1385 | (13) "Restricted revenue" means collections that are: |
| 1386 | (a) deposited, by law, into a separate fund, subfund, or account; and |
| 1387 | (b) designated for a specific program or purpose. |
| 1388 | (14) "Schedule of programs" means a list of programs and associated authorization |
| 1389 | amounts within an item of appropriation. |
| 1390 | Section 29. Section 63J-1-205 is amended to read: |
| 1391 | 63J-1-205. Revenue volatility report. |
| 1392 | (1) Beginning in 2011 and continuing every three years after 2011, the Legislative |
| 1393 | Fiscal Analyst and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget shall submit a joint revenue |
| 1394 | volatility report to the Executive Appropriations Committee prior to the committee's December |
| 1395 | meeting. |
| 1396 | (2) The Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget |
| 1397 | shall ensure that the report: |
| 1398 | (a) discusses the tax base and the tax revenue volatility of the revenue streams that |
| 1399 | provide the source of funding for the state budget; |
| 1400 | (b) considers federal funding included in the state budget and any projected changes in |
| 1401 | the amount or value of federal funding; |

| 1402 | (c) identifies the balances in the General Fund Budget Reserve Account and the |
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| 1403 | [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account; |
| 1404 | (d) analyzes the adequacy of the balances in the General Fund Budget Reserve Account |
| 1405 | and the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account in relation to the |
| 1406 | volatility of the revenue streams and the risk of a reduction in the amount or value of federal |
| 1407 | funding; |
| 1408 | (e) recommends changes to the deposit amounts or transfer limits established in |
| 1409 | Sections 63J-1-312 and 63J-1-313, if the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Governor's Office of |
| 1410 | Planning and Budget consider it appropriate to recommend changes; and |
| 1411 | (f) presents options for a deposit mechanism linked to one or more tax sources on the |
| 1412 | basis of each tax source's observed volatility, including: |
| 1413 | (i) an analysis of how the options would have performed historically within the state; |
| 1414 | (ii) an analysis of how the options will perform based on the most recent revenue |
| 1415 | forecast; and |
| 1416 | (iii) recommendations for deposit mechanisms considered likely to meet the budget |
| 1417 | reserve account targets established in Sections 63J-1-312 and 63J-1-313. |
| 1418 | Section 30. Section 63J-1-217 is amended to read: |
| 1419 | 63J-1-217. Overexpenditure of budget by agency Prorating budget income |
| 1420 | shortfall. |
| 1421 | (1) Expenditures of departments, agencies, and institutions of state government shall be |
| 1422 | kept within revenues available for such expenditures. |
| 1423 | (2) (a) Line items of appropriation shall not be overexpended. |
| 1424 | (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), if an agency's line item is overexpended at the |
| 1425 | close of a fiscal year: |
| 1426 | (i) the director of the Division of Finance may make payments from the line item to |
| 1427 | vendors for goods or services that were received on or before June 30; and |
| 1428 | (ii) the director of the Division of Finance shall immediately reduce the agency's line |
| 1429 | item budget in the current year by the amount of the overexpenditure. |

| 1430 | (c) Each agency with an overexpended line item shall: |
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| 1431 | (i) prepare a written report explaining the reasons for the overexpenditure; and |
| 1432 | (ii) present the report to: |
| 1433 | (A) the Board of Examiners as required by Section 63G-9-301; and |
| 1434 | (B) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst. |
| 1435 | (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3): |
| 1436 | (i) "[Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit" has the same meaning as in |
| 1437 | Section 63J-1-312; and |
| 1438 | (ii) "General Fund budget deficit" has the same meaning as in Section 63J-1-312. |
| 1439 | (b) If an [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit or a General Fund budget |
| 1440 | deficit exists and the adopted estimated revenues were prepared in consensus with the |
| 1441 | Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the governor shall: |
| 1442 | (i) direct state agencies to reduce commitments and expenditures by an amount |
| 1443 | proportionate to the amount of the deficiency; and |
| 1444 | (ii) direct the Division of Finance to reduce allotments to institutions of higher |
| 1445 | education by an amount proportionate to the amount of the deficiency. |
| 1446 | (c) The governor's directions under Subsection (3)(b) are rescinded when the |
| 1447 | Legislature rectifies the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit and the General |
| 1448 | Fund budget deficit. |
| 1449 | (4) (a) A department may not receive an advance of funds that cannot be covered by |
| 1450 | anticipated revenue within the budget execution plan of the fiscal year, unless the governor |
| 1451 | allocates money from the governor's emergency appropriations. |
| 1452 | (b) All allocations made from the governor's emergency appropriations shall be |
| 1453 | reported to the budget subcommittee of the Legislative Management Committee by notifying |
| 1454 | the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst at least 15 days before the effective date of the |
| 1455 | allocation. |
| 1456 | (c) Emergency appropriations shall be allocated only to support activities having |
| 1457 | existing legislative approval and appropriation, and may not be allocated to any activity or |

| 1458 | function rejected directly or indirectly by the Legislature. |
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| 1459 | Section 31. Section 63J-1-312 is amended to read: |
| 1460 | 63J-1-312. Establishing a General Fund Budget Reserve Account Providing for |
| 1461 | deposits and expenditures from the account Providing for interest generated by the |
| 1462 | account. |
| 1463 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 1464 | (a) "[Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit" means a situation where |
| 1465 | appropriations made by the Legislature from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund for a |
| 1466 | fiscal year exceed the estimated revenues adopted by the Executive Appropriations Committee |
| 1467 | of the Legislature for the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund in that fiscal year. |
| 1468 | (b) "General Fund appropriations" means the sum of the spending authority for a fiscal |
| 1469 | year that is: |
| 1470 | (i) granted by the Legislature in all appropriation acts and bills; and |
| 1471 | (ii) identified as coming from the General Fund. |
| 1472 | (c) "General Fund budget deficit" means a situation where General Fund appropriations |
| 1473 | made by the Legislature for a fiscal year exceed the estimated revenues adopted by the |
| 1474 | Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature for the General Fund in that fiscal year. |
| 1475 | (d) "General Fund revenue surplus" means a situation where actual General Fund |
| 1476 | revenues collected in a completed fiscal year exceed the estimated revenues for the General |
| 1477 | Fund for that fiscal year that were adopted by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the |
| 1478 | Legislature. |
| 1479 | (e) "Operating deficit" means that, at the end of the fiscal year, the unassigned fund |
| 1480 | balance in the General Fund is less than zero. |
| 1481 | (2) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account to be known as the |
| 1482 | General Fund Budget Reserve Account, which is designated to receive the legislative |
| 1483 | appropriations and the surplus revenue required to be deposited into the account by this section. |

(3) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), at the end of any fiscal year in

which the Division of Finance, in consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and in

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conjunction with the completion of the annual audit by the state auditor, determines that there is a General Fund revenue surplus, the Division of Finance shall transfer 25% of the General Fund revenue surplus to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account.

- (ii) If the transfer of 25% of the General Fund revenue surplus to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account would cause the balance in the account to exceed 9% of General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which the revenue surplus occurred, the Division of Finance shall transfer only those funds necessary to ensure that the balance in the account equals 9% of General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which the General Fund revenue surplus occurred.
- (iii) The Division of Finance shall calculate the amount to be transferred under this Subsection (3)(a):
- (A) after making the transfer of General Fund revenue surplus to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account, as provided in Section 63J-1-315;
- (B) before transferring from the General Fund revenue surplus any other year-end contingency appropriations, year-end set-asides, or other year-end transfers required by law; and
- (C) excluding any direct legislative appropriation made to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account for the fiscal year.
- (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b)(ii), in addition to Subsection (3)(a)(i), if a General Fund revenue surplus exists and if, within the last 10 years, the Legislature has appropriated any money from the General Fund Budget Reserve Account that has not been replaced by appropriation or as provided in this Subsection (3)(b), the Division of Finance shall transfer up to 25% more of the General Fund revenue surplus to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account to replace the amounts appropriated, until direct legislative appropriations, if any, and transfers from the General Fund revenue surplus under this Subsection (3)(b) have replaced the appropriations from the account.
- (ii) If the transfer under Subsection (3)(b)(i) would cause the balance in the account to exceed 9% of General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which the revenue surplus

1514 occurred, the Division of Finance shall transfer only those funds necessary to ensure that the 1515 balance in the account equals 9% of General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which 1516 the revenue surplus occurred. 1517 (iii) The Division of Finance shall calculate the amount to be transferred under this 1518 Subsection (3)(b): 1519 (A) after making the transfer of General Fund revenue surplus to the Medicaid Growth 1520 Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account, as provided in Section 63J-1-315; (B) before transferring from the General Fund revenue surplus any other year-end 1521 1522 contingency appropriations, year-end set-asides, or other year-end transfers required by law; 1523 and (C) excluding any direct legislative appropriation made to the General Fund Budget 1524 Reserve Account for the fiscal year. 1525 1526 (c) For appropriations made by the Legislature to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account, the Division of Finance shall treat those appropriations, unless otherwise specified in 1527 the appropriation, as replacement funds for appropriations made from the account if funds were 1528 1529 appropriated from the General Fund Budget Reserve Account within the past 10 years and have 1530 not yet been replaced. (4) The Legislature may appropriate money from the General Fund Budget Reserve 1531 1532 Account only to: (a) resolve a General Fund budget deficit, for the fiscal year in which the General Fund 1533 1534 budget deficit occurs; 1535 (b) pay some or all of state settlement agreements approved under Title 63G, Chapter 1536 10, State Settlement Agreements Act; 1537 (c) pay claims approved under Section 63G-9-304; 1538 (d) pay retroactive tax refunds; (e) resolve an [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit; or 1539 (f) finance an existing federally funded program or activity when: 1540

(i) the federal funds expected to fund the federal program or activity are not available

| 1542 | to fund the program or activity; and |
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| 1543 | (ii) the Legislature and governor concurrently determine that the program or activity is |
| 1544 | essential. |
| 1545 | (5) Interest generated from investments of money in the General Fund Budget Reserve |
| 1546 | Account shall be deposited into the General Fund. |
| 1547 | Section 32. Section 63J-1-313 is amended to read: |
| 1548 | 63J-1-313. Establishing an Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account |
| 1549 | Providing for deposits and expenditures from the account Providing for interest |
| 1550 | generated by the account. |
| 1551 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 1552 | (a) "[Education Fund] Income Tax Fund appropriations" means the sum of the |
| 1553 | spending authority for a fiscal year that is: |
| 1554 | (i) granted by the Legislature in all appropriation acts and bills; and |
| 1555 | (ii) identified as coming from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund. |
| 1556 | (b) "[Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit" means a situation where |
| 1557 | appropriations made by the Legislature from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund for a |
| 1558 | fiscal year exceed the estimated revenues adopted by the Executive Appropriations Committee |
| 1559 | of the Legislature for the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund in that fiscal year. |
| 1560 | (c) "[Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus" means a situation where |
| 1561 | actual [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenues collected in a completed fiscal year exceed |
| 1562 | the estimated revenues for the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund in that fiscal year that were |
| 1563 | adopted by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature. |
| 1564 | (d) "Operating deficit" means that, at the end of the fiscal year, the unassigned fund |
| 1565 | balance in the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund is less than zero. |
| 1566 | (2) There is created within the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund a restricted account |
| 1567 | to be known as the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account, which is |
| 1568 | designated to receive the legislative appropriations and the surplus revenue required to be |

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deposited into the account by this section.

(3) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), at the end of any fiscal year in which the Division of Finance, in consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and in conjunction with the completion of the annual audit by the state auditor, determines that there is an [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus, the Division of Finance shall transfer 25% of the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus to the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account.

- (ii) If the transfer of 25% of the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus to the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account under Subsection (3)(a)(i) would cause the balance in the account to exceed 11% of [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus occurred, the Division of Finance shall transfer only those funds necessary to ensure that the balance in the account equals 11% of the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus occurred.
- (iii) The Division of Finance shall calculate the amount to be transferred under this Subsection (3)(a):
- (A) before transferring from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus any other year-end contingency appropriations, year-end set-asides, or other year-end transfers required by law; and
- (B) excluding any direct legislative appropriation made to the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account for the fiscal year.
- (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b)(ii), in addition to Subsection (3)(a)(i), if an [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus exists and if, within the last 10 years, the Legislature has appropriated any money from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account that has not been replaced by appropriation or as provided in this Subsection (3)(b), the Division of Finance shall transfer up to 25% more of the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account to replace the amounts appropriated, until direct legislative appropriations, if

any, and transfers from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus under this Subsection (3)(b) have replaced the appropriations from the account.

- (ii) If the transfer under Subsection (3)(b)(i) would cause the balance in the account to exceed 11% of [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus occurred, the Division of Finance shall transfer only those funds necessary to ensure that the balance in the account equals 11% of [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in which the revenue surplus occurred.
- (iii) The Division of Finance shall calculate the amount to be transferred under this Subsection (3)(b):
- (A) before transferring from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund revenue surplus any other year-end contingency appropriations, year-end set-asides, or other year-end transfers required by law; and
- (B) excluding any direct legislative appropriation made to the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account for the fiscal year.
- (c) For appropriations made by the Legislature to the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account, the Division of Finance shall treat those appropriations, unless specified otherwise in the appropriation, as replacement funds for appropriations made from the account if funds were appropriated from the account within the past 10 years and have not yet been replaced.
- (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), if, at the end of a fiscal year, the Division of Finance determines that an operating deficit exists, the Division of Finance may reduce the transfer to the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account by the amount necessary to eliminate the operating deficit.
- (5) The Legislature may appropriate money from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve Account only to resolve an [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund budget deficit.
 - (6) Interest generated from investments of money in the [Education Fund] Income Tax

| 1626 | <u>Fund</u> Budget Reserve Account shall be deposited into the [<u>Education Fund</u>] <u>Income Tax Fund</u> . |
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| 1627 | Section 33. Section 63J-3-103 is amended to read: |
| 1628 | 63J-3-103. Definitions. |
| 1629 | As used in this chapter: |
| 1630 | (1) (a) "Appropriations" means actual unrestricted capital and operating appropriations |
| 1631 | from unrestricted General Fund and [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund sources. |
| 1632 | (b) "Appropriations" includes appropriations that are contingent upon available |
| 1633 | surpluses in the General Fund and [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund. |
| 1634 | (c) "Appropriations" does not mean: |
| 1635 | (i) public education expenditures; |
| 1636 | (ii) Utah Education and Telehealth Network expenditures in support of public |
| 1637 | education; |
| 1638 | (iii) Utah Board of Higher Education expenditures in support of public education; |
| 1639 | (iv) State Tax Commission expenditures related to collection of income taxes in |
| 1640 | support of public education; |
| 1641 | (v) debt service expenditures; |
| 1642 | (vi) emergency expenditures; |
| 1643 | (vii) expenditures from all other fund or subfund sources; |
| 1644 | (viii) transfers or appropriations from the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund to the |
| 1645 | Uniform School Fund; |
| 1646 | (ix) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the General Fund Budget Reserve |
| 1647 | Account established in Section 63J-1-312; |
| 1648 | (x) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the [Education] Income Tax Fund Budget |
| 1649 | Reserve Account established in Section 63J-1-313; |
| 1650 | (xi) transfers in accordance with Section 63J-1-314 into, or appropriations made to the |
| 1651 | Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section 65A-8-204 or the State Disaster Recovery |
| 1652 | Restricted Account created in Section 53-2a-603; |
| 1653 | (xii) money appropriated to fund the total one-time project costs for the construction of |

| 1654 | capital development projects as defined in Section 63A-5b-401; |
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| 1655 | (xiii) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Centennial Highway Fund |
| 1656 | created by Section 72-2-118; |
| 1657 | (xiv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Transportation Investment |
| 1658 | Fund of 2005 created by Section 72-2-124; |
| 1659 | (xv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to: |
| 1660 | (A) the Department of Transportation from any source; or |
| 1661 | (B) any transportation-related account or fund from any source; or |
| 1662 | (xvi) supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to the Division of Forestry, |
| 1663 | Fire, and State Lands to provide money for wildland fire control expenses incurred during the |
| 1664 | current or previous fire years. |
| 1665 | (2) "Base year real per capita appropriations" means the result obtained for the state by |
| 1666 | dividing the fiscal year 1985 actual appropriations of the state less debt money by: |
| 1667 | (a) the state's July 1, 1983 population; and |
| 1668 | (b) the fiscal year 1983 inflation index divided by 100. |
| 1669 | (3) "Calendar year" means the time period beginning on January 1 of any given year |
| 1670 | and ending on December 31 of the same year. |
| 1671 | (4) "Fiscal emergency" means an extraordinary occurrence requiring immediate |
| 1672 | expenditures and includes the settlement under Laws of Utah 1988, Fourth Special Session, |
| 1673 | Chapter 4. |
| 1674 | (5) "Fiscal year" means the time period beginning on July 1 of any given year and |
| 1675 | ending on June 30 of the subsequent year. |
| 1676 | (6) "Fiscal year 1985 actual base year appropriations" means fiscal year 1985 actual |
| 1677 | capital and operations appropriations from General Fund and non-Uniform School Fund |
| 1678 | income tax revenue sources, less debt money. |
| 1679 | (7) "Inflation index" means the change in the general price level of goods and services |
| 1680 | as measured by the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator of the Bureau of Economic |

Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce calculated as provided in Section 63J-3-202.

(8) (a) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" means the appropriations that could be, or could have been, spent in any given year under the limitations of this chapter.

- (b) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" does not mean actual appropriations spent or actual expenditures.
- (9) "Most recent fiscal year's inflation index" means the fiscal year inflation index two fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
- (10) "Most recent fiscal year's population" means the fiscal year population two fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
- (11) "Population" means the number of residents of the state as of July 1 of each year as calculated by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget according to the procedures and requirements of Section 63J-3-202.
- (12) "Revenues" means the revenues of the state from every tax, penalty, receipt, and other monetary exaction and interest connected with it that are recorded as unrestricted revenue of the General Fund and from non-Uniform School Fund income tax revenues, except as specifically exempted by this chapter.
- (13) "Security" means any bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness, whether or not the bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness is or constitutes an "indebtedness" within the meaning of any provision of the constitution or laws of this state.
 - Section 34. Section **63J-7-102** is amended to read:

63J-7-102. Scope and applicability of chapter.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), and except as otherwise provided by a statute superseding provisions of this chapter by explicit reference to this chapter, the provisions of this chapter apply to each agency and govern each grant received on or after May 5, 2008.
 - (2) This chapter does not govern:

- (a) a grant deposited into a General Fund restricted account;
- (b) a grant deposited into a Trust and Agency Fund as defined in Section 51-5-4;

| 1710 | (c) a grant deposited into an Enterprise Fund as defined in Section 51-5-4; |
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| 1711 | (d) a grant made to the state without a restriction or other designated purpose that is |
| 1712 | deposited into the General Fund as free revenue; |
| 1713 | (e) a grant made to the state that is restricted only to "education" and that is deposited |
| 1714 | into the [Education Fund] Income Tax Fund or Uniform School Fund as free revenue; |
| 1715 | (f) in-kind donations; |
| 1716 | (g) a tax, fees, penalty, fine, surcharge, money judgment, or other money due the state |
| 1717 | when required by state law or application of state law; |
| 1718 | (h) a contribution made under Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 13, Individual Income Tax |
| 1719 | Contribution Act; |
| 1720 | (i) a grant received by an agency from another agency or political subdivision; |
| 1721 | (j) a grant to the Utah Dairy Commission created in Section 4-22-103; |
| 1722 | (k) a grant to the Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority created in Section |
| 1723 | 63H-4-102; |
| 1724 | (l) a grant to the Utah State Railroad Museum Authority created in Section 63H-5-102; |
| 1725 | (m) a grant to the Utah Housing Corporation created in Section 63H-8-201; |
| 1726 | (n) a grant to the Utah State Fair Corporation created in Section 63H-6-103; |
| 1727 | (o) a grant to the Utah State Retirement Office created in Section 49-11-201; |
| 1728 | (p) a grant to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration created in |
| 1729 | Section 53C-1-201; |
| 1730 | (q) a grant to the Utah Communications Authority created in Section 63H-7a-201; |
| 1731 | (r) a grant to the Medical Education Program created in Section 53B-24-202; |
| 1732 | (s) a grant to the Utah Capital Investment Corporation created in Section 63N-6-301; |
| 1733 | (t) a grant to the Utah Charter School Finance Authority created in Section 53G-5-602; |
| 1734 | (u) a grant to the State Building Ownership Authority created in Section 63B-1-304; or |
| 1735 | (v) a grant to the Military Installation Development Authority created in Section |
| 1736 | 63H-1-201. |
| 1737 | (3) An agency need not seek legislative review or approval of grants under Part 2, |

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| 1739 | (a) the governor has declared a state of emergency; and |
| 1740 | (b) the grant is donated to the agency to assist victims of the state of emergency under |
| 1741 | Subsection 53-2a-204(1). |
| 1742 | Section 35. Effective date. |
| 1743 | (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), if approved by two-thirds of all the members |
| 1744 | elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following |
| 1745 | the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's |
| 1746 | signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override. |
| 1747 | (2) The amendments to Section 53F-9-201.1 (Effective 07/01/22) take effect on July 1, |
| 1748 | <u>2022.</u> |